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Martin Luther King, Jr. remembered

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A large crowd gathered in Montgomery, AL to celebrate the inauguration of a new governor, while in the small town of New Brockton in Southeast Alabama 80 to 100 individuals, both young and old, gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The day started out dreary, however that all changed at mid-morning as the sun came out warming things up and patches of blue sky gave hint of a beautiful day to come.

The day's events, of the annual celebration started four years ago, began at the old Warren Smith High School complex where a brief ceremony was held as a prelude to the march down Main Street and on to Poplar Springs Baptist Church for a formal service.

Each year, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the celebration is sponsored by the Progressive Circle which is a union of four churches - Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Greater

Springfield Baptist Church, Pea River Baptist Church, and St. Mary Baptist Church. Serving as the event coordinator was Helen Crittenden. Prior to the start of the ceremony at Warren Smith, individuals talked about the memories that the old school building stirred and how many things had changed through the years while noting that "we still have a ways to go."

Older participants remembered how through the gallant efforts of Dr. King, many of the changes - better jobs, educational opportunities, political advantages, etc. - had been brought about.

After a welcome on behalf of the Town of New Brockton from Councilperson Linda Gilbert, the group sang several songs led by a group of young people, followed by an invocation. Comments were heard from representatives of the local churches and from a representative of the Coffee County School System.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the group began its trek to Poplar Springs

Baptist Church located on AL Hwy. 122 where a formal service of tribute to Dr. King was held. A bus was provided for those who were not able to walk the distance but wanted to participate in the "march."

Dr. Colleen M. Gordon, director of Federal Programs of Enterprise City Schools, was guest speaker for the occasion. She has been in education for more than 20 years serving both as a teacher and working in administrative positions.

Dr. Gordon reminded those present Monday that Dr. King's dream has been dimmed through the years; however, she encouraged its rekindling through positive leadership and actions.

She stated that the opportunity is there for the people of the present to set and obtain their goals of a bright future but they must never forget the struggle of those past generations that fought and died for their dreams. Dr. Gordon also pointed out and emphasized the fact that jealousy and hatred can destroy one's dreams.



MARCHING IN REMEMBRANCE ...As those celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day marched along AL Hwy. 122 en route to Poplar Springs Baptist Church just north of New Brockton, they sang songs and talked among themselves of the days when marches were prevalent as a means of expressing one's support of an idea and/or a dream

Elba police have active weekend

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Elba police are investigating a shooting that left two men wounded and one man in the county jail.

At approximately 5:06 p.m. Sunday afternoon (Jan. 17), Elba police officers responded to a call that a shooting had occurred in the parking lot of the Beaver Dam Apartments.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, officers discovered that two black males had been shot during a fight that had taken place near the Beaver Dam Apartment complex.

Both victims were taken to Elba General Hospital, treated and later transferred to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan where they were listed in stable condition. Authorities identified the two victims as Robert Earl Hooks, 20, and Tony Hooks, 23, who both reside at Route 1 Box 47, Elba, AL.

Senn said that an arrest has been made in connection with the shooting. Martin Lamar Caldwell, 19, of Elba was arrested and charged with two (2) counts of assault in the first degree and placed in the Coffee County Jail. He was taken into custody by officers shortly after the shooting without incident in Elba.

No cause has been given for the shooting and the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department.

Quick and alert action by the Elba Police Department (EPD) netted one thief last Saturday morning.

According to a press release from the EPD, at approximately 7:00 a.m., officers were summoned to a residence located on Sunset Blvd., in reference to a black male subject breaking and entering motor vehicle in Alabama.

Enterprise, AL. He was charged with two (2) counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton, AL.

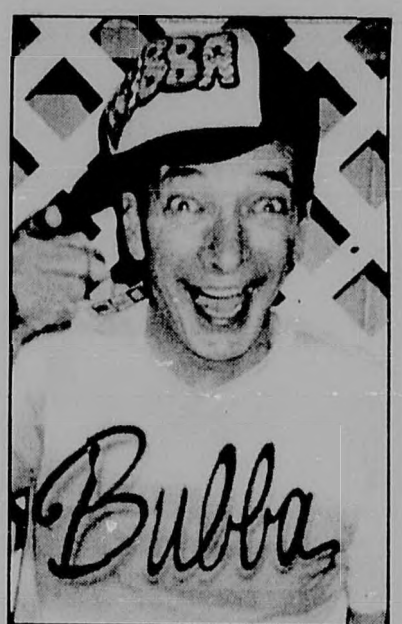
Tolver said a small amount of currency and several CDs were taken from the vehicles. The incident remains under investigation by the local police.

The 1999 Elba Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any board member.

Speaker for the occasion will be Mark Robbins of Elmore, who has been M.C. at Heart of Dixie Bluegrass Festival since its opening in May 1996.

Robbins, known as "Bubba," began at an early age entertaining church congregations through song in the hills of East Tennessee. After working in the Atlanta area, he found a home in central and south Alabama, and became the Mark Robbins of WBAM fame. He became a weekend air personality and then general manager of several stations, including the first talk radio station in Montgomery. He helped raise funds for charity with his WBAM basketball team, and later moved into the advertising agency business.

He was elected to the office of



MARK ROBBINS

mayor of Elmore, and he and his wife Gwen are actively involved in their daughter Adrienne's school life.

Robbins also has entertained at churches and other groups with his Christmas comedy.

** News Briefs **

Russell William Cutts, Jr.'s request that one of his state-appointed attorneys be removed as his lawyer has been granted by the courts. Cutts, who is charged with capital murder in connection with the deaths of his father and step-mother, Russell William Cutts, Sr., and Leighanne Manning Cutts, will still be represented by state-appointed attorneys, Debbie and Mike Jared of Elba. His trial is set for March. Jeremy Guthrie, who also faces capital murder charges in the case, will be tried in March also.

Local law enforcement officials believe that the New Year's Day escapee from the Coffee County Jail is alive. Wilda Ira Stokes, 41, escaped from correctional officers upon returning to the jail following a hospital visit. After a search by a cadaver dog of the wooded area and beaver ponds where Stokes was last seen failed to turn up anything, officials are asking for the public's assistance in locating the escapee. Anyone having any information should call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or their local police department. Stokes, a white male, is 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, and has gray eyes and brown hair. He has been found guilty of sexual abuse and also faces charges of sodomy and escape.



FAMILY DOLLAR BURGLARIZED. Elba police responded to a call on Wednesday morning, Jan. 13, in reference to a burglary that had occurred during the night or early hours of the morning at the Family Dollar Store. The front door had been busted out by the thief(s) to gain entrance to the building. Inv. Johnny Senn stated that there was a considerable amount of damage done and that the damage was estimated at approximately \$4,600.00. Numerous items of merchandise were taken from the business but since the burglary, Inv. Senn said, "we believe that we have recovered the majority of the goods taken." The estimated total of the items recovered (pictured above) is \$806.00. The items included clothing, watches, etc. At this time, no arrest has been made and the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department. Anyone having any information concerning the burglary should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

Area Happenings

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. The guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Mark Robbins from Montgomery, AL. He has been the master of ceremonies at the Heart of Dixie Bluegrass Festival since it opened in May 1996. Tickets for the events are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office or from any board member.

BABYSITTER TRAINING. The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold Babysitter Training on Saturday, Jan. 23, and Jan. 30, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$20, and must be paid no later than Wednesday, Jan. 20, and class is limited to the first 10 students. The class is open to youth who are at least 11 years old by the first day of the class, and is designed to provide young people with instruction in child care, emergency procedures, and the responsibilities of a babysitter. For registration call 347-2461.

LOOKING FOR GRADS. The New Brockton High School Alumni Association and the Olen D. Roberson Foundation are planning the school's 85th reunion to be held in the fall of this year, and need addresses of members. Any graduates not receiving mail from the association are urged to send their address to: New Brockton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 547, New Brockton, AL 36351.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The American Cancer Society announced that it has opened an office in Enterprise, AL at 557 Glover Avenue Suite 8. The phone number is 308-9619 and fax number is 393-8638. Volunteers are needed to staff the new office.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARK FULLER... is sworn into his first full term as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama (Coffee & Pike counties). The DA's father, Attorney Kenneth Fuller (right), administered the oath-of-office as his wife Lisa and children Everett, Merredity, and Kaitlin looked on. Several friends, city and county officials, and staff members looked on Tuesday afternoon as the DA was sworn in in one of the "unfinished" courtrooms of the new Enterprise Courthouse. Fuller was appointed to the office by Gov. Fob James when long-time DA Joel Folmar retired just over two years ago years.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba native Ronald McKinnon has done good this year in his third season of pro football. The linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals continues to lead the team in tackles and in interceptions and gets his share of sacks. His face is something opposing quarterbacks have come to kinda dislike! Ronald is up for contract renewal after this season and it will be interesting to see just which team wants his talents bad enough to pay the price he deserves. The Cardinals made it to the playoffs this year and our visions of an 'ol Elba boy playing in the Super Bowl were shattered a couple of weeks ago when the Vikings sent them back to Arizona. However, the front office was still elated over the huge increase in fan interest in their games. The TV ratings pay most of the bills and this year the pretty red birds set some records in that department also. If you happen to see Ronald (or papa Rubin) walking down the streets of Elba, give them a wave and a big Elba smile and just say something like "well done."

Fob James left a sour taste in our mouth on the last business day of his political career. He signed papers commuting the death sentence of a woman who committed a gross crime against a young girl. It wasn't enough to kill her, court testimony showed they forced drain cleaner down the girl's throat in the process of the murder. The courts have repeatedly turned down her appeals, and we think the action was a surprise, even to her and her lawyer. It is a lot easier to sit here and talk about the electric chair than it is to actually be involved but, hey, he asked for the job.

Last week Elba School Superintendent Charles Pearce blindsided us during a school board meeting. We were there to report on the board actions and/or inactions. However, Myrna Cowen (who chairs this fine group of folks) stopped the important proceedings while Pearce presented us another of those "Honor Roll" certificates. This time it was a statewide honor from the Alabama Association of School Boards. The certificate read, "for outstanding coverage of public education in Alabama." To say we were not impressed by this action would be somewhat of ... well it would be a lie. We thank those responsible but believe us when we admit knowing there was (and is) so much more we could do in this area.

Our complaints about the lack of grounding of the Elba electrical lines have received a number of "yeah, me too's." Now the utility folks say they can ground our power supply quickly without doing the whole system and will be doing so right away. If that can be done, okay, but the first expert they brought in last summer said no-no. Still that was not the intent of the complaint last week. There are hundreds of other electricity users in Elba who are exposed to the same potential problem, to varying degrees. We were howling on their behalf as well and will continue to do so. Mayor James Grimes, who serves as superintendent of the utility, has asked for a monthly progress report on the grounding of the entire system ... we have asked Grimes for a regular copy of this report also.

Hey, we received another batch of goodies from one of the expert cooks in this area. This time it was our former snowbird friend, Martha Guerrero, who supplied the assortment of home cooked food. Elba folks will be interested in knowing that one of the first things she did after moving to Elba was to purchase a cookbook filled with recipes of local cooks. "I want to learn to cook Southern," she said while mentioning a couple of dishes which were especially tasty to her. We don't know if we would exactly call it "cooking Southern" unless the words are interchangeable with "good." If that be the case Martha Guerrero has mastered the art. The down side of all this is that we have run out of places to hide our stash. Everyone around the office has learned the hiding places for our special packages and help themselves to our good groceries!

The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites you to join them for their annual membership banquet on

Saturday, January 30, 1999 6:00 p.m.

at the Elba High School Cafeteria. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber Office located in City Hall, downtown Elba or from any board member. \$15.00 Per Person

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 11, 1999, investigated the following incidents: four thefts of property, one negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument, one breaking and entering, one harassing communication, two reckless drivings, one DUI, one criminal mischief, and one extortion.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument and one for extortion.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, one for no driver's license, one for an expired tag, and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JANUARY 11 - River stage - 6.54 feet (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (8:14 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 - River stage - 6.28 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (11:56 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on Highway 16 (8:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 - River stage - 5.74 (6:53 a.m.); Burglary reported at Family Dollar (8:00 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire in front of Coleman Funeral Home (10:06 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire on Hickman Avenue (5:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mullins Apartments (10:44 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 - River stage - 5.47 feet (6:43 a.m.);

Shots fired in Elba Villas (8:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (10:57 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (11:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in the Friendship Community (4:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (5:36 p.m.); Wreck reported at the Elba Stockyard (6:57 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (10:01 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 - River stage - 5.52 feet (6:11 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire at Big/Little - East (5:38 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (10:24 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 - Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (5:49 a.m.); River stage - 5.78 feet (6:22 a.m.); Prowler reported on Sunset Blvd. (7:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Dr. Roberts Drive (8:15 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 - River stage - 5.01 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (8:31 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Co. Rd. 364 (12:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a shooting victim at Beaver Dam Apartments (5:07 p.m.); Fight reported at Mr. Henry's (6:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (5:49 a.m.).

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 12, 1999, through January 18, 1999. They were: Rosa Coon, Woodrow Young, Dudley Littleton, Shirley Hudson, George Stackhouse, Kimberly Varnes, Kirk, Arthur Ott, John Jackson, Lillian Pynes, Pamela McNair, Mary Warren, Todd Horstead, Stacy Johnson, Ryan Gibbs, Frederick King, Hollis Wickley, Jewel Odom, Verbie Sasser, Kate Macon, Warren Tremayne, Newton King, Ruth Cox, Joyce Folmar, Annie Burch, Anessa Hanner, Mary King, Emma

Haskins, Daphne Colvin, Virginia McGowan, and Jerry Nelson. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Margaret Hussey, Donna Falls, Deanna Coleman, Martha Lee, Donald Barton, Kimberly Varnes, Kirk, Dudley Littleton, Woodrow Young, George Stackhouse, Alma Caylor, Carlton Pynes, Patricia Jordan, Rosa Coon, Stephen Bolling, Shirley Hudson, Todd Horstead, Keshia Newton, Mary Agnes Mack, Pamela McNair, Annie Tyson, Ryan Gibbs, Stacy Johnson, Jewel Odom, Verbie Sasser, Denean Pound, Jannie Kelley, and Kate Macon.

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Anticipation of computer problems predicted to hamper '99 economy

Problems associated with computers and the Year 2000 will continue to surface during 1999, and the fear of additional computer problems will hamper the upcoming year's economy, predicts a University of Alabama computer science expert.

Dr. David Brown, director of the computing and information division within the Alabama Engineering Research Laboratory, expects the anticipation of computer problems on Jan. 1, 2000, to begin affecting the economy by the summer of 1999.

"I'm fairly certain there will be a major drop in the stock market," Brown predicted. "The stock market does not wait for the economy to go belly up before it reacts."

While smaller companies unable to devote resources to fixing the widespread computer system problem could fold, larger companies will devote many resources to the problem, Brown said. As a result, these companies will spend less time producing and developing new products.

"It's basically like giving everybody six months' vacation," Brown said. The limited product supply would result in price increases, he said.

The computer problem, often referred to as the Year 2000 Problem or Y2K, stems from the 1970s when many of the computer codes now in existence were written, said Brown, who is doing Y2K work for Alabama's Department of Transportation. Because the computers of the '70s had little memory, efficiency in storage space was essential. To save space, programmers dropped the first two digits from dates, so 1973, for example, became 73. When those last two digits become 00 in the year 2000, some computers may treat it as

1900, while others may read it as invalid. Credit card transactions and Global Positioning Systems, responsible for such things as ship and aviation navigation, are likely to experience some of the first problems in 1999, Brown said. As those problems become public knowledge, people may anticipate the worst for 2000 and overreact, he said.

"I see it more as a psychological problem than anything that has to do with reality," Brown said. However, he does expect real problems on that fateful day - and afterwards.

"It will be equivalent to a three-foot snow that covers the whole country," Brown said. "You are going to be inconvenienced, and it may even create hardships for a short amount of time. I think that within a few weeks many systems will be back to normal. However, it's going to take five to 10 years to get them all worked out."

Contact: Dr. David Brown, 205/348-6363 (office); 205/343-2345 (home).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The holiday season is over, and once again the generosity of individuals and organizations has made it possible for most families, including the poorest - and especially children - to enjoy at least one day of excitement and a full-course meal. Now a new year is upon us with exciting possibilities, except for the poor. Unfortunately for them, it will be a hard, long year. Most likely, they will go unnoticed by most of society until the next holiday season unless they annoy us as panhandlers or welfare recipients.

It doesn't have to be that way, however, because ignorance, not apathy, is the ally of poverty. To really understand poverty and its ignominious consequences, one must do a little more than prepare baskets at Christmas, or buy a toy for a needy child. I know from personal experience - let me explain how "what I did not know" has haunted me since.

I helped an agency find children eligible for Head Start classes in my county. One of those children was a 4-year-old boy. One of the benefits of inclusion in the Head Start program was a free medical and dental examination. A report from the dentist jolted me into an awareness that poverty is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week, year-in, year-out kind of problem, a problem not solved with an annual Christmas basket.

The dentist reported that the child's baby teeth had rotted as a result of malnutrition and would have to be extracted. Even worse, X-rays revealed that the boy had no adult teeth forming, and would need dentures for the rest of his life. "How could that be?" I asked in unbelievable shock. According to the dentist, the youngster had suffered from malnutrition all his life, and possibly even while in his mother's womb.

Since I had a 4-year-old of my own with healthy teeth and bones, the thought that another mother's child would suffer for life because of childhood malnutrition pierced my heart. That little boy had needed more than a Christmas basket; he needed help 52 weeks of the year through the long four years of his tiny life but didn't get it. Until then, I had known the extent of poverty, its depth, or its consequences for many people in my home county. This discovery moved me to find out more and do more.

My life changed a great deal that day, or so I thought, but I had "gotten over it." As far as I knew, so had everyone else. After meeting that little boy, I was haunted by what I did not know and had not tried to learn. Thus began a process that, 25 years later, has brought me to this place and moment.

As Executive Director of the Alabama Poverty Project, which is housed at Samford University in Birmingham, I have compiled and calculated a range of numbers and descriptive statistics that measure and describe poverty and its consequences in every county of Alabama.

This information is compiled in *The Picture of Poverty in Alabama*, a data book that has just been released. While the book contains generic poverty statistics, there are some new ones.

The Alabama Poverty Project is providing free copies of this guide to public libraries around the state, to legislators and the governor. The

guide was created to prevent people from being haunted by what they do not know and actions they have not taken. Hopefully, this information will aid communities to act to alleviate and ultimately end poverty in this state.

Copies of the book are available for \$15, check mailed to The Alabama Poverty Project, Samford University, P.O. Box 2300, Birmingham, AL 35229-2300. To become a supporting member, any donation may be sent. For a speaker on the subject of poverty, call 205/414-4064.

Whatever you do - do not do nothing - else you may be haunted by what you did not know. The holidays are over - poverty is not.

Dr. Jo M. Dohoney
Executive Director
Alabama Poverty Project

Dear Sir,

President Bradley. Try it on for size. Say it again. Get used to it. Someday the ring of the phrase will be as familiar as the names of President Carter, President Reagan, President Bush or President Clinton.

Bradley who, you ask? Bill Bradley, a three-term U.S. Senator is the answer. Born and raised in Missouri, which is half-South, half-midwest, Bradley went to college at Princeton in New Jersey, led the New York Knicks to the NBA championship and then represented the Garden State in Washington, D.C. for 18 years before retiring in 1996.

The past two years he has taught at Stanford University in California and Notre Dame in Indiana. At 55, he is mature and full of energy. I first came to know Bill Bradley when he was a senior at Princeton and I a freshman. Named the most outstanding player in basketball in the United States his senior year, he scored 58 points in his final game, leading Princeton to a third-place finish in the NCAA tournament. After graduation he spent two years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in England.

I also came to know Bradley through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was greatly inspired one Spring day when, for an hour and 15 minutes, he explained his faith to me, as we sat on a campus bench.

He is a sincerely committed Christian, not trying to gain political mileage from it, but openly respecting other religious and philosophical views. In the U.S. Senate, Bradley gained broad popularity among both Democratic and Republican members. As an original force on the Bradley-Roth bill, the landmark tax reform legislation of 1986, lowering federal income taxes to 26 percent at the time, and instituting a fair system, Bradley gave public and private credit to many others, even though he worked long and hard on the bill.

He has also championed campaign finance reform, health care improvements and initiatives for peace and reconciliation on both domestic and international levels. Qualities Bill Bradley would bring include star quality - hero image - charisma - electability - and it is time for a statesman - for someone clean and experienced - it's time for Bill Bradley.

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AREA DEATHS

MINNIE IRENE DAVIS

Mrs. Minnie Irene Davis, age 98, of Elba, died Jan. 11, 1999, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Elder B.A. Anderson officiating. Burial was in Pine Level Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two granddaughters: Terry Reed and Cheryl Reed, Owens, Seattle, Wash.; a grandson-in-law: Tim Owens, Seattle, Wash.; two sisters: Lena Farris, New Brockton; Myrtice Adams, Crestview, Fla.; one great-granddaughter: Jessica Owens, Seattle, Wash.; two great-grandsons: Jamie Owens and Jeremy Owens, both of Seattle, Wash.

JESSIE ARMETRA MESSICK
Mrs. Jessie Armetra Messick, age 92, of Brantley, died Jan. 13, 1999, in Creshaw Baptist Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Weed Baptist Church, with Rev. James Paul officiating. Burial was in Weed Baptist Church Cemetery, Brantley, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Mavis Lucille Messick, Pensacola, Fla.; Elaine Bryan, Elba; Sherby Bryan, Goshen; four sons: Elmer, Messick, Baker, Fla.; William George Messick, Ridgeman, Fla.; Raymond Messick, Goshen; Robert Earl Messick, Montgomery; two sisters: Dolly Pearson, Pensacola, Fla.; Alberton Barton, Lucedale, Miss.; 39 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren.

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COX FAMILY

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for the food, flowers, cards, calls and all kindnesses shown us at the death of our loved one.

You'll always be remembered by us.

The Family Of MURPHY COX

1-21pd

CHANCELLOR FAMILY

The family of Eula L. Chancellor would like to express our appreciation for the expressions of sympathy extended to us during the recent death of our beloved mother. Your visits, cards, flowers, and words of comfort were deeply appreciated.

Special thanks to Dr. Robert Paul and members of Elba First Baptist Church.

The Family of EULA L. CHANCELLOR

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HELEN H. SPALDING

Helen H. Spalding, age 60, of Niceville, Fla., died Jan. 10, 1999, at her home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 1999, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Niceville, Fla., with the Rev. Arnold Bush officiating.

Graveside services were held Jan. 14, at 3:30 p.m. at Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery in Jack, with Rev. Walter Faulk and Rev. Frank Lowery officiating.

Mrs. Spalding was born in Elba and moved to the Niceville area from Raleigh, N.C. She was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard C. Spalding of Durham, N.C., and a sister, Louise Chancellor, Glenwood.

Survivors include her husband: William W. Spalding, Niceville, Fla.; daughters: Helen S. Fowler, Clayton, N.C., and Heidi S. Price, Chapel Hill, N.C.; a stepson, Warren Carter Spalding, Raleigh, N.C.; a step-daughter: Rebecca S. Murty, Tampa, Iowa; a brother: Charles L. Holloway, Franklinton, N.C.; sisters: Nell Holloway, Jack; and Mary Scutcheff, Lexington, Ky.; two grandchildren.

MILDRED - MIXSON

Mrs. Mildred Mixson DeVaughan, age 71, of Rt. 4, Elba, died Jan. 15, 1999, in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Searcy Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Ben McKee officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery near New Brockton, with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Jennifer DeVaughan Campbell, Enterprise; two sons: Ronald R. (Dumpy) DeVaughan and Robert A. (Bob) DeVaughan, both of Rt. 4, Elba; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

CINDA MARTIN PURCELL

Cinda Martin Purcell, age 58, of Enterprise, died Jan. 15, 1999, at UAB Hospital, Birmingham.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Searcy Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Burial was

in Meadowlawn Cemetery, with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Cinda was preceded in death by her daughter, Colleen Purcell.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Gina L. and Jack White, Opelika; one son: Mary Purcell, Enterprise; her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Colleen Martin, Enterprise; one brother and sister-in-law: Doug and Elaine V. Martin, Elba.

BETTY J. SHEETS
Mrs. Betty J. Sheets, age 60, died Jan. 3, 1999, at Caritas Medical Center. She was the former Betty J. Reeves, and a native of Elba.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 1999, at 1 p.m. at Owen Funeral Home, Louisville, Ky.

Survivors include her husband: William H. Sheets; daughters: Lori, Benita and Viva Sircy; sons: Jeffrey and Michael Sircy; her mother: Mildred Reeves; brothers: Francis M. and Grady R. Reeves; six grandchildren.

BEUNA (Nina) BRADLEY
Mrs. Beuna (Nina) Bradley died Jan. 8, 1999. She was born Aug. 1, 1901.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 1999, at St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Brantley, with Rev. John L. Dees Jr. officiating. Burial was in Mulberry Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two grandchildren: Earnest Broughton and Roberta Broughton, both of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; two nieces: Ruby Coleman and Mary (Oner) Lee, Brantley; three nephews: Jordan (Beulah) Broughton, Brantley; Johnny (Emily) Ridgeway, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; J.C. Ridgeway, Ft. Deposit.

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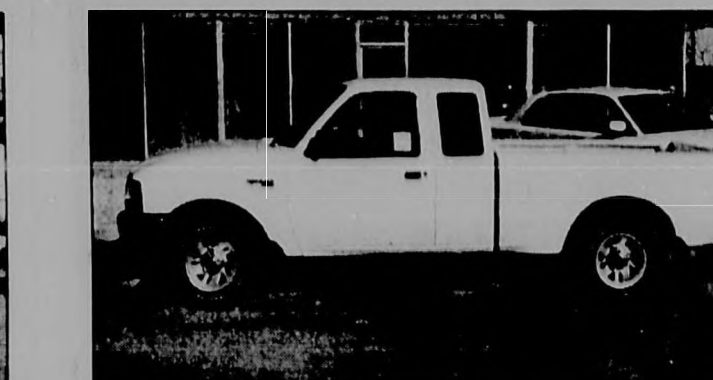
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LIFESTYLES

Habitat for Humanity to have banquet

Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County will have its Celebration Banquet Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Enterprise.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and are available at Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce offices, and Coffee County Baptist Association office in New Brockton.



Ashton Senn

Ashton Senn is four years old

Ashton Senn, son of John P. Senn of Elba, and Misty Senn, Enterprise, celebrated his fourth birthday Jan. 17 with a party at Chunka Wunka's.

Helping him celebrate were his family and friends.

Deadline For Social
News Is Monday!



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS... to visit the Douglas Williams family on Highland Drive in Elba were their daughter, Stephanie Williams Freeze and granddaughter, Ambrianna, from Richmond, Va. After traveling to Tennessee to visit family at Thanksgiving, the Williams family came home to prepare for the arrival of their daughter and granddaughter. Uncle Art Williams directed the placing of the festive Christmas decorations, to be just right for Ambrianna, age 2, and other children in the area.

The oak tree in the front yard was adorned with yellow ribbons, welcoming Stephanie and Ambrianna, as they had not been home in a year. After Douglas, Glenda and Art picked up Stephanie and Ambrianna at the airport on Saturday morning, the family had lunch and shopped in Montgomery before leaving for Elba.

At the end of the week Christopher Freeze arrived, and the family Christmas party was held Saturday evening before Christmas in the Williams home. Gifts were opened early so the Freeze family could visit Christopher's family in Tennessee before returning home to Virginia where he is a special agent with the FBI.

Mrs. Sanders speaks to The Twentieth Century Study Club about WEPS

The Twentieth Century Study Club met at the Elba Public Library Thursday, Jan. 14, with Mrs. Carolyn Shively as hostess.

Mrs. Peggy Stroud, president, presided at the meeting, and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Terry Sanders of Enterprise.

Mrs. Sanders represents Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy

Adkins-Fernandez wedding held December 23rd

Bradley Scott Adkins and Lylvia G. Barrera Fernandez were united in marriage Dec. 23, 1998. The wedding took place in Monterey N.L. Mexico, followed by a reception.

The couple was also honored with a reception by friends and family on Jan. 16 at the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle in Elba.

Parents of the groom are mother, Brenda Rider, stepfather Rod Rider, both of Elba; father Ennis Adkins, stepmother Becky Adkins of Phenix City.

Grandparents of the groom are Monroe and Jackie Richardson, Elba; Homer and Frances Thompson, Clayton, Ga.; and Leon and Dorothy Adkins, Opp.

Parents of the bride are mother, Griselda Fernandez G. and the late Juan Francisco Barrera CH. of Monterey N.L. Mexico.

Grandparents of the bride are Hervey Fernandez and the late Natividad Fernandez of Nueva Rosita Coah. Mexico, and Francisco Barrera G. and Yolanda CH. Barrera of Nueva Rosita Coah. Mexico.

New Arrival



Jackson "Jack" Dorsey Flemming

JACKSON "JACK" DORSEY FLEMING

Susan and Joe Flemming announce the birth of their son, Jackson "Jack" Dorsey Flemming on Dec. 30, 1998, at 7:25 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 ounce and was 20-1/2 inches long.

The new arrival has an older brother, Pete, age 2.

Grandparents are Pete and Dixie Dorsey of Elba, and Joe and Kathy Flemming of Birmingham.

Great-grandparents are Dick and Bernice Hayes of Elba.

Sam Windham presents program on daylilies to Azalea Garden Club

The Azalea Garden Club held its monthly meeting in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church on Jan. 13, with Mrs. Tim Jackson as hostess.

Members present were Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Mrs. Virgil Rogers, Mrs. V.D. McCreary, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Richard Girdner, Mrs. Joseph Guerrero, Mrs. L.F. Inman, and Mrs. Charles Eastburn.

Mrs. Sam Windham presented an informative program and slide show on daylilies. He grows a large variety of lilies in his daily garden.

Three members were each given a daylily as a door prize. Yard of the Month was awarded to City Hall.

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Hope Chest offers opportunity for residents

The "Hope Chest," a new non-profit organization to benefit needy residents of Coffee County, is now open, staffed entirely by volunteers.

Free clothing and small furniture and household items are distributed to those who may have need of these items.

The organization is located in Enterprise, and is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and each third Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Phone number is 393-2333, and anyone in need may call for an appointment. Emergency calls are also accepted.

Fairhope plans Arts & Craft Festival

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce will present the 47th annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival March 19, 20 and 21, on the streets of downtown Fairhope.

Over 200 exhibitors from all over the nation will bring their best wares to show and sell at the juried show. Live entertainment will be going on throughout the three-day event and classic festival foods will be served.

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Coffee Baptist plans workshop

A Cloning Workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, at Coffee Baptist Center, Hwy 84, in New Brockton, 9 - 11 a.m.

The workshop is for adults, youth workers and youth interested in cloning ministry, and there is no charge.

Johns Chapel to host musical concert January 24

Johns Girls Inc. of Johns Chapel AME Church, will host a Youth Musical Concert Sunday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church, 841 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise.

Workshop rehearsal nights will be Jan. 20-22, 7 - 9 p.m.

Registration fee will be \$4.00 per person, and will be held 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Heaven's Way to have Gospel Singing January 23rd

Heaven's Way Church, located at 112 S. John St., New Brockton, will have a Gospel Singing Saturday, Jan. 23, beginning at 7 o'clock.

McKinnon to speak at Mt. Calvary

Deacon Rubin McKinnon will preach a trial sermon at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Weekend revival planned at Faith Chapel

Faith Chapel Life Center will have a weekend revival Jan. 23 and 24, with Rev. Lamar Hahn speaking.

Services will be held at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.

Shiloh Baptist offers rides to residents

Shiloh Baptist Church now has a van available to pick up anyone who needs a ride to attend church services, and to return them to their home.

Pickups are made Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings and Sunday nights.

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Dr. Algood marking his second year of practice in Enterprise

Chester Algood, M.D., F.A.C.S., has been a urologist practicing in Enterprise since December of 1996 and is approaching his two-year anniversary. He came to Enterprise from the West Palm Beach area of South Florida, in late October of 1996, with his wife Billie Warren, P.H.D., who also practices in Enterprise as a clinical psychologist.

Dr. Algood has a urological practice which consists of medical and surgical treatment, of diseases of the urinary tract including kidneys, bladder, and prostate.

Dr. Algood was originally from Kentucky, and graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in 1980, and did his surgical training at the University of California in Irvine. He moved to Seattle and did his urological training and residency at the University of Washington. He then received more training in the area of urological oncology (cancer of the genitourinary tract) at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Hospital, and Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas. He then opened a practice in the West Palm Beach area of Florida (Jupiter Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.). He was recruited to Enterprise from West Palm Beach by the Medical Center Enterprise Hospital Administration.

Dr. Algood and his staff see patients in the Medical Plaza Office Building at 101 E. Brunson Street in Enterprise. He offers diagnostic services such as cystoscopy, renal ultrasound, urodynamic evaluation to evaluate bladder dysfunction, and offers minor surgery procedures in his office such as vasectomy, cystoscopy, and removal of minor surgical lesions of the genitourinary tract. He treats such disorders as urinary incontinence, cancers involving the genitourinary tract such as prostate, bladder or renal cancer, and treats significant female disorders, involving prolapse of the bladder or intestines through their vagina (cystocele and enterocele).

Dr. Algood and his staff are happy to see new referrals for the treatment of these types of disorders. Our office number is (334) 347-3212 with office hours between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Enterprise First Baptist Church plans Prayer Retreat

A Prayer Retreat will be held at Enterprise First Baptist Church, in the fellowship hall, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6.

Mrs. Stuart Calvert will lead the retreat, which will begin with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a musical concert Friday evening by Mrs. Marge Simmons of Enterprise.

A continental breakfast will be served Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. and the retreat will end with lunch with Mrs. Calvert at 12:45 p.m.

Mrs. Calvert resides in Boaz, and is a member of the Alabama Women's Missionary Union Executive Leadership Team. She is author of the book, "Transformed, Shaped by the Hand of God."

Reservation deadline is Feb. 1 at 3 p.m., and cost is \$15 for all sessions, \$10 for one Friday night or Saturday morning. Checks and registration may be sent to Coffee Baptist Association, P.O. Box 127, New Brockton, AL 36351.

Those who plan to attend MUST have a reservation.

For more information call 894-6411.

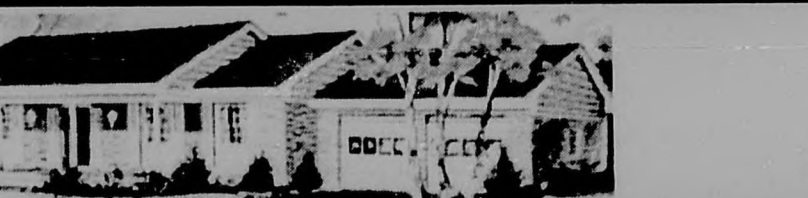
MaChis Tribe to meet

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will meet Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. at New Brockton High School on Tyler Street.

All members need to be present. Topics to be discussed include housing, grants, scholarships, deadline for one being Jan. 15.

The following items should be brought: proof of enrollment in college, official transcript, two letters of reference, resume, cover letter, explanation on desire of scholarship.

New roll cards will be issued; the tribal office must be contacted by Jan. 20, to receive roll card on Jan. 31. If contacted after this date, card will be issued at a later time.



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SCHOOLS

School System Teachers Seeking To Qualify For Industrial Certification

by Charlie Maddox
Mrs. Rachel Bryan of Zion Chapel High School, Mrs. Anita Grant, Co-op teacher for Zion Chapel and Kinston, Ms. Joy Davis of Kinston, and Mrs. Marsha Martin and Mrs. Diane Spivey of New-Brookton have begun steps to qualify for industry certification. Mr. David Speigner, Co-op teacher at New-Brookton High School may be included in this group this year.

Business/industry program certification promotes quality instruction in career/technical education. Students completing certified business/industry programs are equipped to enter the workforce in a specific career/technical education program for which they were trained and are prepared for college. Once a program is awarded business/industry certification, it will remain a "certified program" for five years.

For a program to be certified, the teacher must possess knowledge and skills as prescribed by industry standards and the department. Any

teacher who holds a valid Class B or higher certificate, which is based upon a bachelor's degree or higher in the teaching field, will be considered certified to industry standards. Teachers will continually maintain certification or certification to maintain and higher to continue to be employed. No industry certification is valid for more than five years and must be renewed.

There are seven steps that lead to certification. Plan Development is the first. This is when the LEA formulates a plan from one to five years to cause its programs to be certified. The next is staff development. Staff development is offered during the annual AVA Professional Development Workshop or through an in-service activity provided by the LEA. The third step is documentation, followed by self-evaluation. Then an on-site evaluation is completed. Finally, the last steps are certification and certification renewal.



New Studies For Semester

by Angie Laney
The new semester has brought new courses to study in the Agriculture classes at Zion Chapel. Each semester the students enrolled in Ag. classes at Zion Chapel vote on the course of study they would like to follow.

First period is studying Horticulture. In this course students learn about the management of gardens and flowers, and about landscaping and plant maintenance.

Second and seventh periods are

studying wood working. Students will learn the importance of safety in the shop and also an understanding of wood science in today's growing agricultural industry.

Third, fourth, and sixth periods are studying forestry. In this course, the class will learn what it takes to work in today's forestry industry. Students will learn how to measure trees and also about all of the different occupations that are available to them in the industry.

ZC Seniors Hear From UTI Educational Representative

by Carissa Walker
Mr. Web MacCartee, an educational representative from Universal Technical Institute, made a presentation to the senior class on Tuesday. MacCartee travels to different schools informing students of options other than college.

Instead of going to college for four to six years, students can attend Universal Technical Institute (UTI) or Motorcycle and Marine Mechanics Institutes (MMI). With these two schools combined, choices are awesome. Training is offered in Automotive, Truck and Industrial, HVAC/R, Motorcycle, Marine and Personal Watercraft Technologies. Most of these programs can be completed in less than a year.

UTI and MMI both have scholarship and financial aid programs.

They will also make available the tools a person will need during training. The Housing Departments can assist in finding housing for students. The Part-Time Employment Departments will help find work for students while attending school.

As a graduate of UTI and MMI a person can expect power in the job market, speedy advancement, respect in the industry, good pay, free refresher courses, continuing graduate employment services, and national employment services.

Each student was given a card to fill out about themselves and their interests. Mr. MacCartee left a phone number for students who were interested in attending UTI and MMI and wanted to set up a meeting with him.

Rebel Basketball

JR VARSITY BASKETBALL
by Chan Grantham & Bo Adkinson

ZC VS G.W. LONG
The Zion Chapel Jr Varsity Rebels continued their winning streak with a win over the G.W. Long Rebels.

The Rebels beat Long by a score of 52-43. Lexon Wheeler led the Rebels with 16 points while Justin Prescott added 10. Johnny Branham had 8, Marcus Taylor had 7, Josh McWaters had 6, and Wes Bragg added 5. The Rebels were 3-9 from the free-throw line, and committed 17 team fouls.

ZC VS FLORAL
The Zion Chapel Jr Varsity Boys ended their 9 game winning streak with a loss to the Florida Wildcats, by a score of 33-14. Marcus Taylor and Justin Prescott both had 4 points each for the Rebels, Randall Brunson had 3, Johnny Branham had 2, and Wes Bragg had 1 for the Rebels. The Rebels were 2-4 from the free-throw line, and committed 18 team fouls.

ZC VS W.S. NEAL
The Zion Chapel Rebels lost to W.S. Neil 63-57. Josh Grantham led the Rebels with 20 points. Jr. Jones followed with 13. Bo Adkinson had 11, Justin Law had 7, and Chan Grantham had 6. The Rebels were 9-16 from the free-throw line and committed 21 team fouls.

ZC VS FLORAL
The Zion Chapel Rebels lost to the Florida Wildcats 65-33. Josh Grantham led the Rebels with 18 points. Josh Faircloth had 6, Chan Grantham and Justin Law had 3 each, Bo Adkinson had 2, and Jr. Jones had 1. The Rebels were 5-8 from the free-throw line and committed 19 team fouls.

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SCHOOLS

Teens' Need For Activities

by Laura Crowe

As a teenager it is easy to understand how this area lacks activities for the youth. Sure, they could go to the movies, but has anyone noticed the extreme increased cost of the movies these days? Six dollars for one person is crazy, not to mention the \$1.25 small soft drink! Who can afford that every weekend! The provision of activities for the teens could be a solution to drug and alcohol abuse.

The numbers of drug and alcohol use has increased greatly over the years. Ninety-three percent of all teenagers have some experience with alcohol by the end of their senior year of high school and two-thirds of America's youth will experiment with illicit drugs before they finish high school.

These numbers are frightening and one good way to decrease them is to have something for the teens to do in their spare time that will take the place of drugs and alcohol. It has been proven that communities that offer activities to the young adults in their areas have a lower number in the use of drugs and alcohol. The skating rink has been a wonderful thing for Elba's younger children. The drug and alcohol use of children twelve and thirteen years of age is shocking, as well as heart breaking. The average age of a youth's first experiment with alcohol is age twelve and for drugs it is age thirteen! These students should be riding bikes and playing with toys, not experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

The new skating rink has kept the children in this area from trying drugs and alcohol. Maybe if there is

Co-Op Spotlight

by Deana Gifford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Jeff Eldredge. Jeff is an employee at Grantham's Paint and Body where he assembles parts and does minor body work and painting. Jeff is the son of Lois Eldredge and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA, Teen Court, and he enjoys fishing and hunting.

After high school Jeff plans to attend a two year college and then transfer to a four year university majoring in either welding, auto body repair, or personal computer programming.

We are proud to shine this week's Co-Op Spotlight on Jeff Eldredge.

Miss Elba Pageant Set

The 1999 Miss Elba Pageant is approaching. Any young girls who wish to participate need to register as soon as possible. There is a \$10 entry fee for girls in grades K-6. Applications for entries are available in the Elba Elementary and High School offices.

The pageant will be held January 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. The night will host fun and entertainment for everyone. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, and ages 4 and under may enter free.

Young ladies who support these efforts will go toward production of the 1999 Elba.

Safety Poster Winner

Joshua Parrish, a 5th grade student, won the 1999 "Buckle-Up, Alabama" poster contest at Elba Elementary School. His poster promoted hearing the "click" when buckling up for safety.

Joshua's poster now goes to Montgomery for the state level contest. Good luck, Joshua.

CONGRATULATION JOSH!!

ESJC NEWS

AVAILABLE COURSES
Antiques - Great Finds - Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7 - 9 p.m. \$7.50 fee, registration deadline is Feb. 2. For the novice and experienced antique buff, will help participants determine what their antiques are really worth.

Using the Microcomputer - Level II - for those who have experience with keyboarding. Successful completion of Using a Microcomputer - Level I is recommended but not required. A 3-1/2" diskette is required. \$30.00 fee - registration deadline is Feb. 2. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 9 - 18, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Space limited to first 15 to register.

Computers for Seniors - Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 8 - 24, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Students should bring 3-1/2" disk to class - \$30 fee, registration deadline Feb. 1.

To register for classes, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

Increased accountability & rural teacher shortage in store for education in '99

Education personnel will face closer scrutiny of their job performance in 1999 and Alabama's rural schools will continue to battle a teacher shortage, says University of Alabama education expert Dr. John Dolly.

"As compensation increases for all education personnel — teachers, administrators and support staff such as counselors and school psychologists — there will be a greater push for more accountability, more assessment and more ongoing evaluation of performance," said Dolly, dean of UA's College of Education.

Dolly said that achievement test scores would continue to be the benchmark for evaluating a teacher's job performance.

"The trend will continue to be administrator and teacher performance to test scores of students within the schools where these personnel are employed," said Dolly.

With an increasing school-age population in the state of Georgia and higher salaries being paid to new teachers from Alabama universities, Alabama will find itself competing for the best and brightest teachers," he said.

Contact: Dr. John Dolly, 205/348-6052 (office), 205/333-7097 (home).

Tiger Tales



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Welcome Back EHS

by Principal Danny Weeks

I am excited about the "New Year" at Elba High School and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

I was pleased with the hard work and dedication exhibited by both teachers and students during our first semester.

I was especially proud of our #1 ranking on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. The effort put forth by students and teachers alike in regard to the AHSGE was evident as EHS scored 91%. Testing has become a "fact of life" in American education. The goal of better-educated graduates is the driving force behind the initiatives set forth by the State Department of Education. I am hopeful that these new standards will prepare our students for the workplace of the future and help attract business and industry to our state with the promise of skilled workers.

Among the key initiatives for education was strengthening the standards for graduation. Tough new standards went into effect with

students entering the ninth grade for the first time in the 1996-1997 school year (class of 2000). Under this new "4 x 4" curriculum students must earn 16 credits in the core curriculum subjects. Four credits each in English, math, science, and social studies must be earned. The math credits must include Algebra and Geometry. The science credits must include Biology and Physical Science. Due to the new initiatives, many changes are underway to prepare students to meet graduation standards. Now, more than ever, is the time for administrators, parents, students, and teachers to work cooperatively.

Indeed, the new year brings with it new challenges and it is my belief that the student body and faculty of Elba High School will meet these challenges with their proven enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment.

We will continue to set higher standards for our students and work together to meet them. At EHS we are committed to addressing the issues of discipline, school safety, and academic improvement.

Elba Elementary School Menu JAN. 25 - 29, 1999

| BREAKFAST | LUNCH |
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| Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Monday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Sweet Potato, Roll, Milk |
| Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Tuesday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Potato Wedges, 1/2 Orange, Milk |
| Wednesday - Biscuits, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Wednesday - Chicken Filet, Green Beans, Corn on Cob, Roll, Peach Half, Milk |
| Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Vegetables, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk |
| Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Friday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Milk |

National School Nurse Day

National School Nurses Day will be observed Wednesday, Jan. 27, and serving as school nurse for Elba City Schools will be SABRINA P. KELLEY.

The special day is set aside to recognize school nurses as vital members of the school's facilities.

"School nurses are essential partners in promoting and providing the health and wellness connections necessary to improve academic achievement of our children," said Charles Pearce, Elba City Schools Superintendent.

"Healthy children learn better and feel better about themselves," he said.

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EHS's New Spanish Teacher

by Monique Ordon

There is a new face here at Elba High School. Mr. Stephen Mendez Ruiz is the new Spanish teacher. He teaches two Spanish I classes and one Spanish II class. He's originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Mendez has a wife, Ana Luisa, two daughters, Hanna and Lindsey Ann, and one son, Stephen Mendez, Jr.

Mr. Mendez Ruiz attended the University of Puerto Rico where he majored in Physical Education. He also attended Auburn University and received a degree in Spanish. He is currently attending Troy State University where his major is history. He has been teaching for five years. Before he came to Elba he taught at G.W. Long and Goshen High School.



Stephen Mendez

In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and going to school at TSU. When asked what he enjoys most about EHS, he said he enjoyed the students and the faculty.

BASKETBALL

8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade girls had a hard fall to Dauphin on Thursday nights game. Latoya Tyson scored 6 points and had five rebounds. Danae Ware, Ayonna Proctor, Devri Kilecrease, and Stacey Chism all scored 4 points a piece. Lacey Carlile helped out with 2 points. The final score was 24-28 Dauphin. Good Luck to the J.V. girls in their future games.

8th Grade Boys

In the tournament this past week, the eighth grade boys defeated Dauphin 64-33. Marcus Henderson scored 18 points and had 3 rebounds. Terence Kyles was right behind him with 16 points and 2 rebounds. Kyle English scored 9 points and Michael Sams had 6 points and 3 rebounds. The team ran the court the whole time. Elba advanced to the championship game against Enterprise. Elba defeated Enterprise 50-27. Kyle English and Michael Sams led the game with eleven points each. Behind them was Terence Kyles and Doug Kyle with 8 a piece. Terence lead the team with 15 rebounds. Marcus Henderson had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Jason Curran 4 points, and Bart Barnes had 2 points. Michael Sams, Kyle English, and Terence Kyles all made the All Tournament Team. Marcus Henderson was named MVP of the tournament. Congratulations to the 8th grade boys for their 1st place winnings.

7th Grade Boys

In the first game of the tournament for the seventh grade boys they played the Kinston Bulldogs. The young men defeated them 28-19. Channing Hooks played a big role in the game with 18 points. Matthew Curran, Brandon Wilson, and Benjamin Dye all had 2 points each. Colby Capps supported the team with 4 points.

The championship game, was played Saturday as Elba met Fleta and the game ended up 45-30, Elba. Colby Capps scored the most with 12 points. Channing Hooks was right behind him with 10 points. These boys helped the team out with points on the board also: Brandon Wilson 8, Matthew Curran 7, Quentin Robinson 4, Benjamin Dye 3, and Ralston Moore 1.

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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie got her braces last week, and while she really hasn't complained all that much, she has made it clear that she will miss chewing gum and eating Doritos over the next two years. I told her that we would follow her restrictions to help make it easier, but at a ball game last week she said we could eat what we wanted, and let me have some popcorn and even offered to go to the concession stand to get Melissa a blo-pop. I know it isn't fun, but Melanie has really been a brave little nine-year-old so far, and we'll do our best to let her know how proud we are.

ELBA TIGERS CLAIM THREE BIG HOME COURT WINS

The Elba Tigers hosted three games last week and gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about in all three games as they swept all three opponents to improve their record to 13-5 for the season.

The Tigers opened the week against arch-rival New Brockton and survived a late scare to escape with a narrow win. Elba struggled at times against the talented Gamecocks, but never let the game get out of hand, and in the fourth quarter staged a rally that led to the win. In the win over Zion Chapel, the Tigers used a very potent offense to get good shots and never trailed in posting the 21-point win. Elba's slow pace at times had the fans yawning; however, the Tigers were always in charge and really had an easy time with their county rivals. Elba closed out the week with a lopsided area win over Slocomb, and put on a show for the fans as Tim Ware and Wayne Reed put on a dunking exhibition. The Tigers were clearly the better team in the easy win and all the Tigers in uniform got in on the fun.

Elba fans, me included, have to sit back and realize that while the Tigers may not be the most exciting team to watch, they are big winners and have done so playing their style of basketball. The Tigers' Marlon Johnston has gotten everything possible out of all the players on his roster, and their 13-5 record is a tribute to the players and Coach Johnston. Sure, at times we all want to see the Tigers fight up the scoreboard and bomb away from behind the three-point line, but the best way for this team to win is to play hard defense and score by working the ball around for good shots. The large number of fans that come out to support the Tigers shows how much the community supports the program, and there can be no doubt that basketball is alive and well at Elba High.

ELBA LADY TIGERS MOVE SEASON RECORD TO 10-10

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed two wins in three outings last week to push their record to 10-10 on the season, which is really quite an accomplishment for this bunch of girls and Coach Leroy Carnley. Last week the Lady Tigers posted easy wins over New Brockton and Zion Chapel before falling to Slocomb, and showed once again that the girls' program has made huge strides in a very short time. It may be a while before the girls will be able to win against some of the top teams around, but for now they are holding their own against the majority of the teams on their schedule, and everyone knows that the best is yet to come.

AREA TEAMS FIND MIXED RESULTS ON COURT

Last week was a busy week for the teams in the area, and it was simply more of the same for the area teams as Brantley and New Brockton kept on winning, while Kingston and Zion Chapel only saw things get worse. Here's a short trip around the area....

***BRANTLEY (12-1) moved atop the Class 1A standings last week, and are right where they want to be heading down the homestretch. The Bulldogs' narrow win over Frisco City showed Brantley's players that they aren't unbeatle, and that was what the Bulldogs needed with some very tough games still ahead. Brantley must improve over the next three weeks to have a real shot at winning the state title; however, they have already won a title this year in football and know what it will take. It should be fun to watch.

***NEW BROCKTON (12-7) rebounded from a three-game losing streak to claim big wins over Kingston and Georgiana, and it looks like the Gamecocks will have a very good shot at winning the area and hosting the area tournament. The Gamecocks have lost several games late, which makes their record a little less than impressive, but the losses were to teams like 6A Enterprise, 5A Andalusia, 4A Headland, and 3A Elba. The experience should pay dividends down the line when the post-season action tips off, and every game is sudden death.

***KINSTON (3-12) really got hammered last week by New Brockton and Geneva County, and one has to wonder what has happened to the Bulldogs as the season has progressed. The Bulldogs won a couple of games early and were looking like the surprise team in this part of the area, but the wheels have fallen off the wagon in recent weeks, and last week the Bulldogs' victory wagon tipped over. Kingston players grow up having pride in basketball, and the players will have to dig down deep to regain that pride if the season isn't to become one of the worst ever.

***ZION CHAPEL (2-13) has one of the best two win teams in the state in any class, but the bottom line for the Rebels may be that they really don't expect to win when they take the court against teams they have lost to over the years. The Rebels have more than enough talent to win some games, and certainly have a solid coach in Doug Branson. The problem may be that while the players want to win, they don't expect to win, and lack the confidence needed to win in tough games. If they ever do start winning, watch out.

YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS IN ELBA

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation opened its "Youth Basketball" season last week with a total of ten games played over three days and nights. This year the department is offering leagues for boys ages 6-14, and for girls ages 6-12, with a total of 19 teams taking part in the program. There is never a charge to watch a game, and the youngsters really give it all they've got in every game. Come out to the Recreation Center and watch a game. Games are played at night on Monday and Thursday, and throughout the day on Saturday. Oh yeah, don't forget to cheer for both teams!

ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY

***I will agree that it was a sad day for the NBA when Michael Jordan retired, but you would have thought a former president had died the way the media dumped the news on the public for a period of days. Hey, Jordan retired because he wanted to, not because he was forced out, and certainly not because of any problems that plague so many other high-priced professional athletes. It was always fun to watch Michael Jordan play, and there is no doubt that he was the most recognizable person on the planet. I can remember back when my youngest daughter was only three years old she would watch TV and tell me "There's Michael Jordan." It was fun, but there was basketball before Jordan and there will be basketball after Jordan. It may not be the same, but it will continue.

WONDER WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING?

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"THE PRESSBOX"

AN INSIDE LOOK AT AREA SPORTS
BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

Continue recent winning ways

Tigers zap Zion Chapel 46-25

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late last Tuesday night to post a 46-25 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 13-5, while Zion Chapel slipped to 2-12 with the loss. The two teams swapped baskets in the early going, but the Tigers went on a 6-0 run midway through the opening stanza to grab an 8-2 lead with 2:15 left in the quarter, and then scored late baskets on a driving lay-up by Mark Wicker, and a jumper by Sammy Hill to carry a 12-5 advantage into the second quarter.

A Hill jumper early in the second quarter pushed the Tigers' lead to 14-5, however, the Rebels packed it in on defense in an attempt to stop Elba's inside scoring punch, and slowed down the Tiger attack as Zion Chapel crawled back to within 14-9 with 3:17 remaining in the half.

Wayne Reed hit from outside with 2:46 left in the second quarter to snap the Tigers' three minute scoring drought and up Elba's lead to 16-9, only to see the Rebels refuse to fold and pull within 16-13 with 1:50 still left in the stanza.

Elba scored late to take a 19-13 halftime advantage, then scored the first two baskets of the third quarter on a pair of outside shots by Wayne Reed to open up its biggest lead of the night at 23-13 with 6:28 remaining in the quarter.

Zion Chapel was able to pull within seven points at 25-18 with 3:38 remaining, but the Tigers never let



Elba's Daniel Murdock (4) goes after a loose ball during the Tigers' 46-25 win over the Rebels last week, in Elba. The Tigers rolled to three wins last week to improve their record to 13-5.

the Rebels get any closer, and went into the final stanza owing a 29-20 lead over their cross-county rivals.

The Tigers opened things up on the offensive end of the court in the final stanza, and sparked by the outside shooting of Eric Jordan and a dunking exhibition by Wayne Reed and Tim Ware, outscored the Rebels 12-2 to open the fourth quarter as their lead ballooned to 41-22 with 3:37 left on the clock.

Elba moved on top 43-23 with 3:06 left on a Sammy Hill jumper, and the final score was the Tigers' 46-25.

Elba (46): Jordan 4, Hill 9, Duncan 3, Murdock 6, Reed 15, Wicker 2, Ware 7.

Z.C. (25): Jones 6, Adkinson 8, Hancock 2, Grantham 4, Law 3, Spear 2.

Elba escapes with 55-52 win over Gamecocks

The Elba Tigers completed a season sweep over their neighbors from New Brockton last week as they edged past the New Brockton Gamecocks 55-52, in Elba.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 12-5, while the Gamecocks slipped to 10-6 with the loss.

The two rivals swapped baskets for much of the opening stanza as neither team was able to take com-

mand; however, the Gamecocks' Kellen Cole got hot from the outside in the second quarter and sparked New Brockton to a big second stanza that helped the Gamecocks move out to a 29-22 halftime advantage.

The Tigers closed to within 41-37 by the end of the third quarter, and then began to make their run in the game early in the final stanza, while Kellen Cole poured in 25 to 53-52 with less than a minute left on

the clock, and moved ahead 55-52 when Eric Jordan nailed two free-throws with only 08 left in the game. The Gamecocks got off a three-pointer at the buzzer, but the last-second shot rolled off the rim and the Tigers had the exciting 55-52 come-from-behind win.

Tim Ware scored 22 points and Eric Jordan added 14 to lead Elba, while Kellen Cole poured in 25 to spark the Gamecocks.

EL 12 10 15 18 - 55
NB 11 18 12 11 - 52

Elba (55): Jordan 14, Hodge 1, Murdock 2, Reed 6, Wicker 9, Ware 22.

N.B. (52): Flowers 6, Jones 2, Lewis 4, McKenzie 7, Cole 25, Harrison 2, Toole 6.

Tigers run past Slocomb 65-40

The Elba Tigers took command at the opening tip and never looked back Friday night as they clobbered the Slocomb Red Tops 65-40, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 14-5, 2-1 in Area play, while Slocomb slipped to 2-9 with the loss, 0-3 in Area action.

The Tigers came out gunning in the area clash, and wasted little time taking complete command, as the Elba defense caused countless turnovers and the offense converted the turnovers into easy buckets to enable Elba to grab a 23-8 advantage in the opening stanza. The Tigers began to let the reserves into the act in the second stanza, but it made little difference as Elba continued in complete command and by the end of the half owned a big 41-18 lead.

The Tigers brought the home crowd to its feet throughout the

third quarter as Tim Ware and Wayne Reed put on a dunking exhibition, and by the end of the stanza the game was already over with the Tigers out front by a whopping score of 59-26. The Red Tops managed to cut into the Elba lead in the final stanza, however, it made no difference except to the scoreboard as Elba easily held on to claim the 65-40 win.

Tim Ware scored 25 points to lead Elba, while Sammy Hill scored 16 and Wayne Reed added 10. Dawkins scored 24 for Slocomb.

E 23 18 18 6 - 65
S 8 10 8 14 - 40

Elba (65): Jordan 2, Hill 16, Hodge 2, Duncan 2, Reed 10, Wicker 8, Ware 25.

Slocomb (40): Moore 2, Dawkins 24, Young 14.

HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Prisant Home at Kinston (4:30) JVB-VG-VB
Straughn at New Brockton (4:30) JVB-VG-VB
Frisco City at Brantley (5:00) JVB-VG-VB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Goshen at Brantley (6:00) JVB-VG-VB

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Elba at Opp (4:30) JVB-VG-VB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Elba at Enterprise (6:00) JVB-VB
Kinston at Zion Chapel (5:00) JVB-VG-VB
Red Level at New Brockton (4:30) JVB-VG-VB
Brantley at Pleasant Home (5:00) JVB-VG-VB

SPORTS

Lady Tigers improve record to 10-10

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their mid-season surge last week as they claimed two big wins over cross-county rivals New Brockton and Zion Chapel, before closing out the week with a tough area loss to Slocomb.

The Lady Tigers posted wins over New Brockton 44-35 and Zion Chapel 49-23, then fell to Slocomb 42-27 to see their record move to 10-10 on the season.

Following are highlights of last week's Lady Tiger action:

ELBA 44

N.B. 35
The Elba Lady Tigers evened their record at 9-9 last Monday night with an impressive 44-35 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks.

The Lady Tigers came out ready to play against their cross-county rivals and jumped out to an early 15-7 lead, then continued their dominance in the second quarter as they went in at the half with a 25-12 advantage.

The Lady Gamecocks chopped Elba's lead to 31-26 in the third quarter and appeared ready to make a run at the win, but the Lady Tigers regained command in the fourth quarter and pulled away to post the 44-35 win.

LaGina Mack scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon added 13 and Detria Jones scored 11. Kendra Cole led New Brockton with 14 points.

Elba (44): Jones 11, Boyd 4, McKinnon 13, Mack 15, Bludsworth 1.

N.B. (35): L. Smith 3, Anderson 6, Burrows 5, Cole 14, T. Smith 7.

ELBA 49

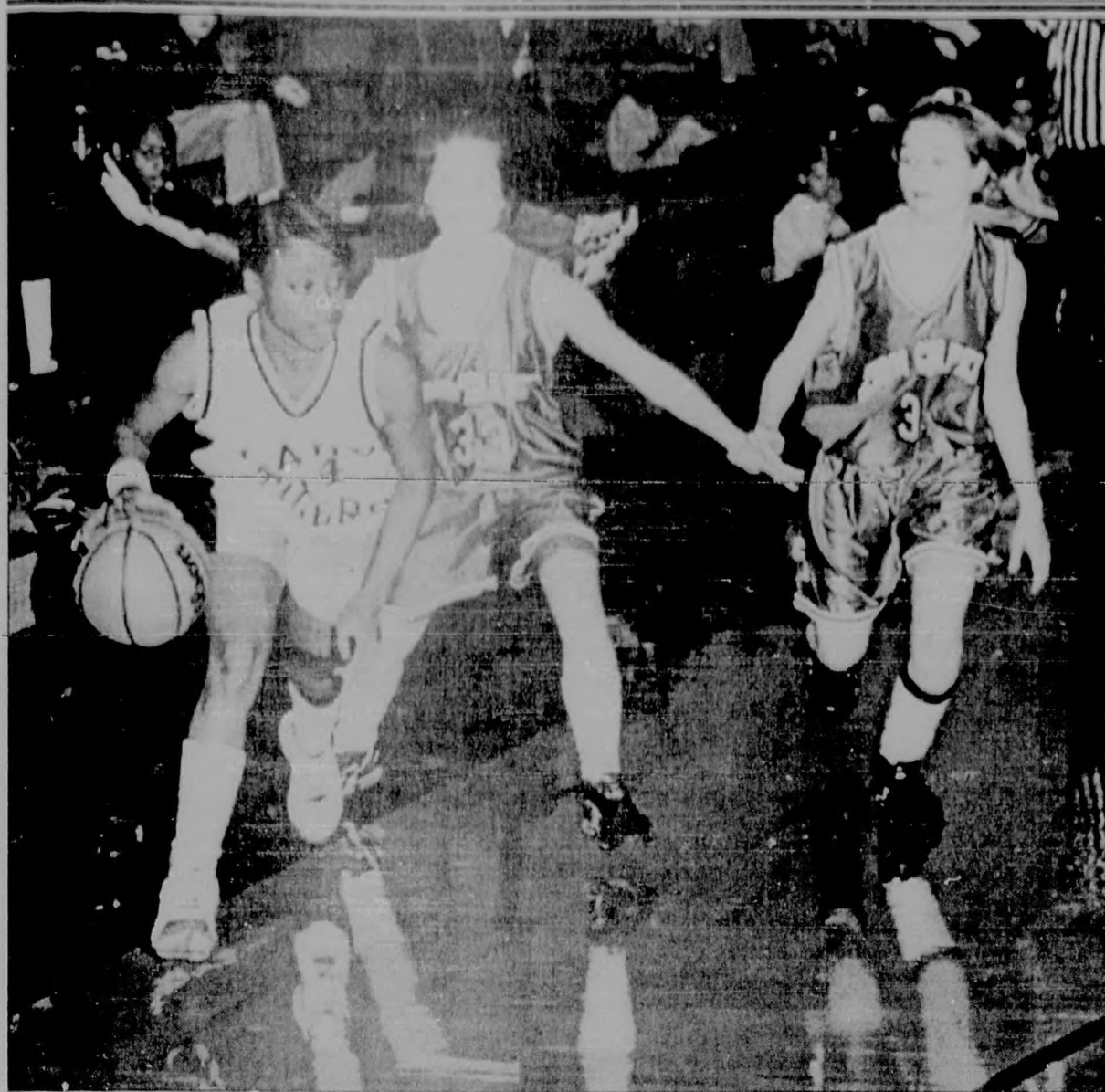
Z.C. 23
The Elba Lady Tigers pulled away in the second quarter and never looked back last Tuesday night as they pounded the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 49-23, to improve their record to 10-9.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 8-2 lead over the Lady Rebels, only to see Zion Chapel rally and pull within 9-8 with 2:43 left in the opening stanza. Detria Jones hit two late to push the Elba lead to 13-8 by the end of the stanza, and the Lady Tigers then went on a 13-0 run midway through the stanza to open up a whopping 32-11 lead with :50 left in the half. The Lady Tigers held Zion Chapel to only one point in the third quarter as Elba's lead increased to 41-15, and the final stanza was simply more of the same as the Lady Tigers coasted in with the 49-23 win.

Mitchell and Williams scored 8 points each to lead Elba, while Collins scored 8 for Slocomb.

Elba (49): Sutley 2, Daniels 2, Mitchell 8, Coleman 2, Williams 8, Gully 2, Kyles 6, Henderson 6, English 1.

Slocomb (16): Mills 2, Collins 8, Smith 6.



Elba Lady Tiger Detria Jones (4) drives past two Zion Chapel defenders during last week's big win over the Lady Rebels. The Lady Tigers picked up two wins last week to improve their record for the season to 10-10.

Elba JV Tigers win three straight games

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers pulled out of a season-long slump last week and posted three straight wins to improve their record to 5-7.

Following are highlights of last week's winning streak:

ELBA 52

N.B. 17
The Elba JV Tigers got cranked up after a slow start and never looked back to post a lopsided 52-17 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Tigers trailed 6-5 after a slow opening stanza, but came to life in the second quarter as they grabbed a 24-11 halftime budge. Elba outscored the Gamecocks 22-0 in the third quarter as its lead ballooned to 46-11, and the Tigers easily held on late to claim the big win.

Zel Daniels scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Edwards led Zion Brockton with 7.

Elba (52): Sutley 5, Daniels 16, Cook 4, Mitchell 2, Coleman 7.

Williams 3, Kyles 2, Henderson 5, English 8.

N.B. (17): Roberts 5, Harris 3, Edwards 7, Anderson 2.

Elba 38
Z.C. 33

The Elba JV Tigers outscored Zion Chapel 5-0 in overtime to claim an exciting 38-33 win over the Rebels.

The Tigers came out ready to play and jumped out to a 17-12 first quarter lead, only to see the Rebels take charge in the second quarter and sneak ahead 22-20 by the end of the half. The Tigers slipped back in front 25-24 in the third quarter, however, the two teams swapped baskets throughout the final stanza, and it took overtime to settle the decision, with the Tigers claiming the 38-33 win.

Kyle English scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Bragg led Zion Chapel with 11.

Elba (38): Sutley 3, Daniels 8,

Cook 4, Kyles 9, Henderson 4, English 12.

Z.C. (33): Taylor 4, Bragg 11, Prescott 8, Brantley 10.

Elba 37
SLOCOMB 16

The Elba JV Tigers capped off a winning week with an easy 37-16 win over the Slocomb Red Tops.

The Tigers took complete command from the opening tip and opened up a 29-4 halftime advantage, then let everyone in on the act in the second half as they easily held on and posted the lopsided 37-16 win.

Mitchell and Williams scored 8 points each to lead Elba, while Collins scored 8 for Slocomb.

Elba (37): Sutley 2, Daniels 2, Mitchell 8, Coleman 2, Williams 8, Gully 2, Kyles 6, Henderson 6, English 1.

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YOUTH BASKETBALL REPORT

TIDE VS. TIGERS - The Tide and Tigers tipped off the season in the "Boys 8 and Under" division with an exciting game. Scoring for the Tide were Gavin Flowers and Justin Hammonds. Scoring for the Tigers were Graham Morrow, Anton Harelson, Griffin Cash, Robert Paul, Jamison Baker and Joshua Maddox.

JAGUARS VS. TROJANS - The Jaguars and Trojans both found the basket throughout the game in the "Boys 8 and Under" contest. Scoring for the Jaguars were Michael Spurlin, Diatetro Tyson and Taylor Cotton. Scoring for the Trojans were John Jared, Jason Mitchell, Troy Bechler and Dikembe Bullard.

HORNETS VS. BULLDOGS - The Hornets and Bulldogs closed out the week's "Boys 8 and Under" action with an exciting game. Scoring for the Hornets were Sam Williams, Thon Quann, Hill and Aaron Drewery. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Jessie Sessions, Nick Wells and Dalton Fuller.

ROCKERS VS. SPARKS - The Rockers and Sparks met in "Girls 8 and Under" action, and it was an exciting game for all four quarters. Scoring for the Rockers were Tiffany Johnson and Denisha Jordan. Scoring for the Sparks were Tiffany Bryan and scored for the Sparks.

WILDCATS 43 BLAZERS 10 - The Wildcats got off to a fast start and never slowed down as they rolled past the Blazers 43-10 in "Boys 10 and Under" action. The Wildcats poured in 17 points in the opening stanza to grab a quick 17-1 lead, and never looked back to claim the impressive win. Scoring for the Wildcats were Duke Carr 19, Antwon Tillis 8, Lamar Ware 4, Lewis Johnson 4, Ron Hill 4, Reynar Rogers 2, and Shawn Abbott 2. Scoring for the Blazers was Lonzo Cooks 10.

HOYAS 24 BRUINS 10 - The Hoyas broke open a close game in the final stanza to post a 24-10 win over the Bruins in "Boys 10 and Under" action. The Hoyas led only 13-8 after three quarters, but broke loose late to pull away and post the

win. Scoring for the Hoyas were Mason Gully 11, LaRay Williams 9, Jordan Flowers 2, and Chase Bonwell 2. Scoring for the Bruins were Aaron Jacobs 8 and Zach Spinn.

STING 18 SHOCK 2 - The Sting led all the way to claim an easy 18-2 win over the Shock in "Girls 12 and Under" action. The Sting jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the third quarter and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Sting were Aiyona Proctor 6, Charlye Eubanks 4, Carmelita Wright 4, Alison Smith 3 and Whitney Lawford 1. Loynday Lawford scored 2 points for the Shock.

HUSKIES 33 HOOSIERS 29 - The Huskies used a big fourth quarter to pull away and defeat the Hoosiers 33-29 in "Boys 14 and Under" action. The Hoosiers were only to see the Huskies rally to take the win. Scoring for the Huskies were Dominique Miller 13, Quinton Gavin 9, Stefann Burks 5, Timothy Daniels 4 and John Buchanan 2. Scoring for the Hoosiers were Clark Skinner 8, Jessie Thigpen 7, Colby Skinner 7, Aaron Harelson 5 and Lamar Burgess.

STARZZ 23 MYSTICS 5 - The Starzz pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Mystics 23-5 in "Girls 12 and Under" action. The Starzz owned a 6-3 lead after one quarter of action, but then pulled out to a 14-5 lead in the third quarter and pulled away to post the win. Scoring for the Starzz were Nicole Purvis 7, Ashley Gibson 6, Allison Brunson 6, Ananda Pope 2, and Candice Cooper 2. Scoring for the Mystics were Stephanie Baskley 3 and Kristen Barnes 2.

HUSKIES 21 TARHEELS 15 - The Huskies claimed their second win of the week by posting a 21-15 win over the Tarheels, in "Boys 14 and Under" action. Scoring for the Huskies were Timothy Daniels 8, Quinton Gavin 5, Stefann Burks 4 and Dominique Miller 4. Scoring for the Tarheels were Colby Capps 10, Chase Davis 3 and Laywayne Parks 2.

HIGH SCHOOL

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

New Brockton blasts Bulldogs 81-28

The New Brockton Gamecocks upped their record to 11-7 last Tuesday night with a lopsided 81-28 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Pate Harrison scored 14 points to lead New Brockton, while Kellen Cole added 10 and Jason McKenzie scored 11. Jamey Lunsford scored 10 to lead the Bulldogs.

Brantley slips past Frisco City 56-54

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs needed four quarters and then some Friday night to escape with a 56-54 overtime win over the Frisco City Whippets. DeMario Wiley scored 20 points to lead the (11-1) Bulldogs, while Andy Johnson added 16. William Kyles scored 15 points for Frisco City.

Lady Bulldogs claim 48-44 win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs evened their record at 5-5 Friday night with a 48-44 win over the Frisco City Whippets. Precious Wiley scored 15 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Megan Burnett added 10.

Kinston falls to Geneva County 66-27

The Kinston Bulldogs continued to take their lumps Friday night as they were pounded by the Geneva County Bulldogs 66-27. Michael Ward scored 18 points and Lushers Lane added 13 to spark Geneva County.

New Brockton slips past Panthers 39-28

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their area record to 3-0 and moved to 12-7 overall Friday night with a 39-28 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Kellen Cole and Maurice Jones both scored 9 points to lead New Brockton, while Andre Feagin led the Panthers with 8 points.

Zion Chapel falls to Houston AC 64-46

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their record slip to 2-13 Friday night with a 64-46 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Josh Grantham scored 19 points to lead the Rebels, while Mark Wright scored 23 to spark the Raiders (10-4).

Kinston Lady Dogs tripped by Geneva County 60-22

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued to struggle Friday night as they were defeated by the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs 60-22. Tiffany Rhoades scored 13 points to lead Kinston, while Mary Neal scored 18 for Geneva County.

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Area News

Arts Alliance to present play in Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present the second event of its 1998-99 season, "A Higher Place in Heaven," Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Enterprise High School auditorium. The play is set during the summer of 1925, in a small rural Georgia town, and focuses on the relationship between two ladies, the best of

friends — Miss Madison, who is white, and Miss Simpson, who is black. The play ponders who should get New Hope, the Madison family home — the Madison clan or the housekeeper's family who tended it for many years. For information or tickets, call

334/347-4422, West Gate Book and Gift. Tickets may also be purchased at The Jewel Box in Elba, the Fraternity and Plain 'N Fancy in Enterprise, or the Ft. Rucker ITR office.

ESJC lists honor students

Students earning President's List certificates during fall semester at Enterprise State Junior College include:

New Brockton: Jennifer Grimes and Johnny P. Nelson. Appearing on the Dean's List are:

Elba: B. L. DeVaughn, Roberta L. Gideon and Loreta Y. Smith. New Brockton: Kortney S. Kelley, Jack T.C. Batchelor and K.D. Jimgit. Kinston: Lana M. Odum and Paul Seay.

President's List requires a 4.00 grade-point average with a course load of at least 12 semester hours. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the semester.

Boy Scout program teaches about water

The Boy Scouts of America, along with the Alabama Dept. of Environmental Management (ADEM), has established a program for schools in the Tukabatchee Area Council called the Enviro-scave

Program. The program teaches students in third and fourth grades, in a hands-on way, about water pollution, ways it occurs, and ways to prevent it. For more information about insti-

tuting the program, educators may call Robert Briggs at 334/270-9835, or Lamar Dykes at 334/262-2607 to set up an appointment for a demonstration.

Mulberry Association honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with special celebration Sunday evening



A special service celebrating the birthday and life of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. was held last Sunday evening at the Mulberry Association building on Highway 84 West. The theme of the event was "Let My people Go." A phrase from the Litany of Hope recited by the congregation quoted Dr. King when he was faced with violence and said, "Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Reverend J. G. Chatmon was moderator for the event and also introduced the guest speaker of the evening.

Elba City Council member Ronnie Hammond, in the absence of Mayor James Grimes, delivered the formal welcome to the group from the City of Elba. Other city officials present included Council members Winzell Gray and Harold Bannin.

Reverend C. A. Hammond, Jr., pastor of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church in Enterprise, delivered the keynote address. Hammond is an Elba native and graduate of Elba High School.

In his message, titled "Don't Lose Sight Of Your Dream" he told the group that just like Dr. King, they could fulfill their dream. "If God is with you, who can be against you," Hammond assured the assembled group. The speaker used the bible story of Joseph "decked out" in the coat of many colors, being sold into slavery and still realizing his dream. Hammond pointed out that Joseph was made stronger by his ordeal and the many temptations he faced while in captivity.

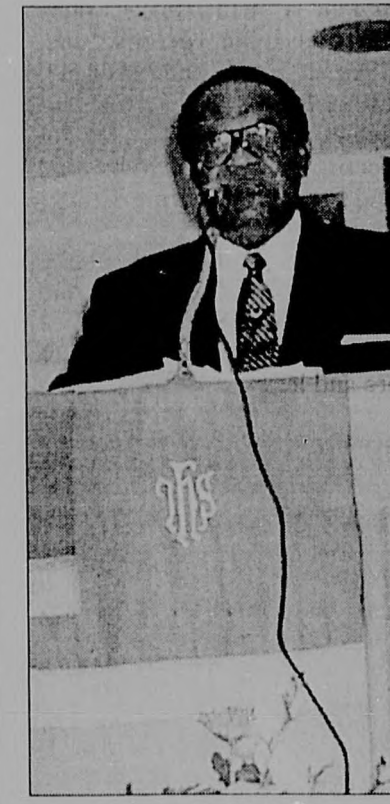
The adult choir from Pleasant Shade church provided special music for this special event.



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Ronnie Hammond

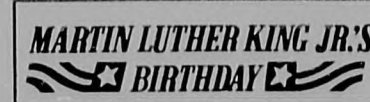


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Roger Barros

Barros is promoted to Lt. Colonel by U. S. Army

Roger J. Barros has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Barros, a command and general staff course director, is assigned to the U.S. Army School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Columbus, Ga.

His wife, Talitha, is the daughter of Marcus J. Ramer of New Brockton, and Ann Smith of Newport News, Va.; the colonel has two children: David and Elizabeth.

Gardening short course to be held at Farm Center

A Basic Gardening/Landscaping Short Course/Home Orchard Class is in progress at the Farm Center Community Room in New Brockton. The first class was held Jan. 19, and other sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, and Feb. 16, 6 - 7:30 or 8 p.m.

Registration fee is \$5.00 for the entire course and may be paid at the first class meeting. To register call 894-5596.

The following items should be brought to class: note pad and pencil, loose-leaf binder, a favorite hoe and a willingness to share and learn.

Wild horse adoptions to be held at Ag Center in New Brockton on February 26 and 27

A wild horse and burro adoption will be held at the Coffee County Agricultural Center in New Brockton Feb. 26 and 27. All animals are \$125 each, and may be viewed between 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on the day prior to the adoption. An educational seminar will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Adopters are required to provide 12x12 feet of adequate shelter and 20x20 feet of corral space with study fencing 6 feet high - (5 feet for burros). In order to transport the animal(s), adopters must have a solid constructed horse trailer, preferably a stock trailer, with a covered top and side-swing back gates

(drop ramps are not permitted), along with halters and lead ropes. The Bureau of Land Management contract crews sort, halter and load the animal(s) onto the adopter's trailer. A mare and foal or two grown horses will NOT be loaded in a two-horse trailer.

Application forms may be obtained from the BLM Jackson District Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206, or call 888-274-2133, or 601/977-5434. Adopters need to be approved before the adoption.

For more information visit the BLM website at www.adoption-horse.blm.gov



MRS. DORIS COOPER, who works in the Elba Public Library, is shown holding little Austin Leater Parker, age 10 weeks, while his mother, Sophia Threadgill, does research on the computer for her classes at ESJC, the computer, as are the books, are there for the use by the public. The library staff tries to assist patrons in any way possible, even if that sometimes means holding the baby while mother surfs the internet to find data for her research paper.



DISCUSSING REZONING Zoning Board Chairman Ben Carpenter and member Jerry McMillian study a city map during a recent rezoning hearing at the Elba City Hall.

The Board was considering a request to rezone property along the 203 Bypass for business development. The request was approved as advertised.

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RECONDITIONED POLICE CAR ORDERED FOR SHERIFF DEPT.

Commission receives \$30,000.00 check

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The second meeting of the year for the Coffee County Commission got off to a good start with Martin Moates, of the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service), presenting Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis with a check for \$30,000.00. The money will be used to fund the ongoing gully repairs throughout the county.

Probate Judge William O. "Bill" Gammill appeared before the commission with a request for help in the Enterprise office.

He presented commissioners with a hand-out that showed figures reflecting the past three months' business conducted in the Enterprise and Elba offices of Probate Court.

Judge Gammill pointed out that the Enterprise office conducted about three times as much business as was conducted in the Elba Office. He noted that the Elba office has three (3) general clerks while the Enterprise office has (4) four general clerks.

"We're doing about 300 percent more work with about 25 percent more clerks in Enterprise," said Gammill.

The judge put the commissioners' minds at ease as he quickly added that he was not asking for three times as many clerks in the Enterprise Probate Office as there are in the Elba Probate Office, but he was asking for one additional clerk to be funded in the Enterprise Office.

He noted that this would not only help with the work load, but would make the office more accessible to the public, allowing them to conduct their business in the Probate Office in a more timely manner.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Len Averett made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimsley, that the Judge's request be granted. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion with Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstaining.

Commissioners turned to opening bids on a computer system for the District Judge's office and a reconditioned police car for the sheriff's department.

The lone bid on the computer system for the District Judge's office was submitted by L. & K. Micro Supply of San Jose, CA. Their bid was \$5,880.00. County Administrator Wilson Mobley noted that this was well below the amount budgeted for this project which was \$10,000.00.

The commission took no action on the matter and the bid will be given to District Judge Steven Blair to review and decide whether or not

the system meets the specifications set forth in the bid. The county's attorney, Kenneth Fuller, noted that no action was required by the commission since the amount of money involved falls well below the state bid law's required maximum of \$7,500.00.

The pending matter of replacing or repairing a police car for the sheriff's department was once again addressed by the commission.



SHERIFF BEN MOATES

The motion was made by Commissioner Averett that the purchase of a reconditioned police car be made from Pursuit Unlimited, and that the county attorney negotiate a settlement on the last deal in conjunction with the purchase agreement. The motion passed 4-3 with Commissioners Averett, Brooks, Lewis and Grimsley voting for while Commissioners Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Dalrymple opposed the motion.

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of negotiating a price differential on the last unit purchased from Pursuit Unlimited that this be incorporated into this purchase. A 1995 Caprice was delivered in lieu of a 1996 on the last purchase and the company had tentatively agreed on a monetary adjustment but no amount had been agreed upon at this time.

Commissioner Dalrymple, who leaned toward repairing the wrecked car, made a motion that all the bids on a reconditioned car be rejected and the low bid on repairing the car be accepted. His motion failed to pass with 3-3 vote. Dalrymple, Westbrook and Stephens voted for the motion and Brooks, Grimsley and Averett voted against and Lewis abstained.

During a discussion period, Commissioner Stephens suggested going ahead and purchasing a new car that is already in the sheriff's budget and retiring the wrecked car which has over 160,000 miles and was reportedly costing the county approximately \$800 per month in maintenance costs. No motion to that effect was made by Stephens.

Commissioner Brooks commented, "I don't see why we should throw good money after bad!" He was referring to repairing the wrecked car.

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Area Happenings

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School cafeteria. The guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Mark Robbins from Montgomery, AL. He has been the master of ceremonies at the Heart of Dixie Bluegrass Festival since it opened in May 1996. Tickets for the events are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office or from any board member.

PAGEANT MEETING. A meeting for girls interested in participating in the Miss Elba Pageant has been scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba Public Library. Girls interested in competing for the title of Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, or Future Little Miss should attend this meeting. This event is being sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

VIETNAM VETS MEETING. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4, 1999, at the Clayhatchee Community Building. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Chapter 373 will host the Statewide Awards Banquet in Enterprise on June 12, 1999. All members and their families are encouraged to attend the upcoming planning meetings. For more information call (334) 347-1426 or (334) 598-8804.

LOOKING FOR GRADE. The New Brockton High School Alumni Association and the Olea D. Robertson Foundation are planning the school's 85th reunion to be held in the fall of this year, and need addresses of members. Any graduates not receiving mail from the association are urged to send their address to: New Brockton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 547, New Brockton, AL 36351.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The American Cancer Society announced that it has opened an office in Enterprise, AL at 557 Glover Avenue Suite 8. The phone number is 308-9619 and fax number is 393-8638. Volunteers are needed to staff the new office.



ALABAMA GOVERNOR DON SIEGELMAN... was sworn in as the state's 56th governor at high noon on Monday, January 18, 1999. Upon taking the oath of office, Siegelman promised to "do great things." Administering the oath of office was former Georgia Governor Zell Miller, who Siegelman said inspired him to run for governor and to support a state lottery for education. While taking the oath, Siegelman's left hand rested on his mother's Bible which was placed on top of the holy book used by Jefferson Davis when he took the oath of office of the Confederacy from the same spot in 1861. Looking on were Siegelman's wife Lori and children Dana and Joseph.

Elba City Council transfers former Mulberry school property to pre-school days owners

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted unanimously Monday evening to return ownership of the Mulberry Baptist Association property to the Mulberry Baptist Association. The Association had deeded the five acres of land to the city for the purpose of building the school buildings. The deeds specified that this was for school purposes only. Therefore, when the Elba schools ceased to use the facility and returned title to the city, it was time to return the property to those who donated it in the beginning.

There had been long discussions for the past several years on the reversion clause. There was some confusion because when the property was later deeded to the school system, the statement about reverting back was omitted, even though it was on the city's deed. When research confirmed the memory of those who were present at the time of the transfer, the wheels began to turn to honor the intent of the deed-signers.

This transfer does not include the five acres on which the hall park is located. That is city-owned property. According to city officials.

A discussion with Bishop Hiron Williams over his desire to purchase the auditorium of the old high school almost reached the boiling point as opposing opinions were expressed.

Mayor James Grimes repeated his position that the property was part of long-range plans the city already has underway. Williams pointed out that nothing was being done with the building when New Abundant Life Church members took the building, cleaned it up and began church services there five years ago.

Grimes told Williams the church does not qualify for purchasing under the Wallace-Cater Act as had been proposed, and selling it would clash with plans to develop a community meeting building on the site.

The mayor said the ideal plan included a community meeting building, classrooms as small business incubators, a room for computer training of local citizens, etc.

The mayor told Harris he would have no objections to the church continuing to use the facility until the city and/or industrial board got renovation grants approved. Williams said that either way the church will have to go. "It's the same song and dance we got from the last administration," he noted.

the city couldn't afford to fix the roof and wouldn't sell the building. Williams had presented the council with a proposal to buy the building over time (at \$100 per month) with the city fixing, and keeping fixed, the roof on the auditorium and the classrooms he planned to use.

When Councilman Ben Carpenter asked if the city could sell the building under the proposal as presented, Williams quickly said he could change his proposal.

Council member Ronnie Hammond reminded his fellow council members the building was sitting empty when the church took it and made something out of the facility.

Council member John W. Sharpless made a motion concerning the selling of the building and it deadlocked 3-3, with Sharpless, Carpenter and Grimes opposing the sale and Hammond, Gray and Bannin in favor of selling.

Council member Winzel Gray made a motion for the mayor to get together with Bishop Williams and the two of them work out a lease agreement with the amount of rent and space to be included. Prior to

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Coffee County's EMA Director encourages calling before digging

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency urges county residents, town and city street departments and area contractors to exercise extreme caution when doing excavation work.

In Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, EMA Director Charles Webb commented on a recent natural gas explosion which occurred in Northern Alabama - Bridgeport, AL.

In a memorandum to the commission chairman, he noted that the explosion was probably caused by excavating work being done near a gas pipeline. The explosion killed three people, injured several others and did substantial property damage.

He told commissioners that an article in one of the local newspapers last Sunday contained a news release on Alabama One Call, a central point from which one can obtain information on a variety of utility lines.

Webb noted that the article did not contain a phone number for service; however, he was able to obtain the number from the offices of the

Southeast Alabama Gas District. The number for Alabama One Call is 1-800-202-8525.

The organization's sole purpose is to make sure all underground utilities are not compromised. The non-profit Alabama Line Location Center, headquartered in Birmingham, operates the state's only one-call center which excavators, contractors and individuals must notify before they dig. Armed with the information obtained from each call, the Center notifies member utility companies with underground facilities in the area. The utilities then mark their lines prior to the commencement of work, ensuring a clearly defined area where potentially hazardous lines are buried.

In 1995, the state of Alabama, recognizing the need to prevent utility line damage, enacted a "call before you dig" law requiring anyone preparing to dig to contact the Alabama Line Location Center. After notification by the Center, utility companies are required to mark their lines within two business

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AARP INSTALL OFFICERS. The Elba AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Chapter officers were installed by Lloyd Crook at the regular meeting on January 19, 1999. Wilson Newman (center back row), outgoing president, presented the following officers: Floyd Morrow, Vice President (back row left); Neil Gilmer, President (front row left); Donald Lee, Treasurer (back row right); and Elaine Thompson, Secretary (front row right). New members, Joe and Martha Guerrero, were welcomed. AARP meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Elba Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.